

REMARKS

I. Status

The Office Action dated August 6, 2008 indicates claims 17, 18, 21-32, and 46-56 to be pending in this application. With this response, claims 57-76 are added, and claims 17-56 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been added.

Claims 17, 18, 21, 22, 24, 26-32, 46-49, 51, and 53-56 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kessler (U.S. Patent No. 6,741,288) in view of Bryant (U.S. Patent No. 5,652,615).

Claims 23 and 50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kessler in view of Bryant and Levitan (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0147769).

Claims 25 and 52 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kessler in view of Bryant and Park (U.S. Patent No. 6,724,981).

Claims 57, 62, 67, and 72 are independent.

II. Cancellation of Claims 17-56 and Addition of Claims 57-76

With this response, the Applicant cancels claims 17-56 without prejudice or disclaimer, and adds claims 57-76. No new matter has been added.

The Applicant respectfully submits that the cited references, taken individually or in combination, fail, for example, to disclose, teach, or suggest that which is set forth in added independent claims 57, 62, 67, and 72.

In view of at least the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully submits that claims 57, 62, 67, and 72, as well as those claims that depend therefrom, are in condition for allowance.

III. Dependent Claim Rejections

The Applicant does not believe it is necessary at this time to further address the rejections of the dependent claims as the Applicant believes that the foregoing places the independent claims in condition for allowance. The Applicant, however, reserves the right to further address those rejections in the future should such a response be deemed necessary and appropriate.

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CONCLUSION

The Applicant respectfully submits that this Application is in condition for allowance for which action is earnestly solicited.

If a telephone conference would facilitate prosecution of this Application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

AUTHORIZATION

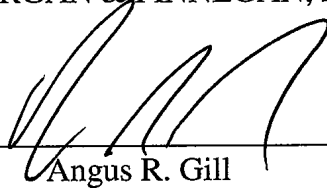
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 4208-4060.

Furthermore, in the event that a further extension of time is required, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to the above-noted Deposit Account and Order No.

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